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1. SCINTEIA OF MAY 21 PUBLISHES TEXT OF LONG-RANGE ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL AGREEMENT SIGNED BY PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU AND PREMIER HUA IN PEKING ON MAY 19. AGREEMENT ENTERS INTO EFFECT WHEN APPROVED BY RESPECTIVE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES AND IS FOR A DURATION OF TEN YEARS. SUBSTANTIVE ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT PROVIDE FOR ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION INCLUDING DELIVERY OF EQUIPMENT AND EXCHANGE OF TECHNICIANS AND STUDENTS. PRICES FOR EQUIPMENT, TOOLS, UNCLASSIFIED

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INSTALLATIONS AND MATERIALS WILL BE BASED ON WORLD PRICES, WHILE THE MEANS AND CONDITIONS OF PAYMENT FOR GOODS DELIVERED WILL BE ESTABLISHED THROUGH INTERGOVERNMENTAL PROTOCOLS FOR EACH SEPARATE PROJECT. PAYMENT FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS WILL BE DETERMINED IN SEPARATE CONTRACTS FOR EACH PROGRAM. THE LIVING AND WORKING CONDITIONS OF PERSONNEL EXCHANGED WILL ALSO BE THE SUBJECT OF A

SEPARATE PROTOCOL. SUCH PERSONNEL, HOWEVER, ARE OBLIGED, IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE AGREEMENT, TO RESPECT THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE STATE IN WHICH THEY WORK, INCLUDING THOSE LAWS HAVING TO DO WITH STATE SECRECY. THE ROMANIAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND THE CHINESE MINISTER OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES ARE CHARGED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT.

2. AS IF ANXIOUS TO EXHIBIT INSTANTANEOUS MOMENTUM, A NUMBER OF OTHER AGREEMENTS AND PROTOCOLS WERE SIGNED AT THE SAME CEREMONY PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LONG-TERM AGREEMENT AND THE EXISTING CULTURAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. SCINTEIA OF MAY 20 REPORTED THAT BURTICA AND THE PRC MINISTER OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS SIGNED AN AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CONSULATES GENERAL. IN ADDITION, ROMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER STEFAN ANDREI AND FOREIGN MINISTER HUAN HUA SIGNED A DOCUMENT PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN 1978-79 OF THE CULTURAL AGREEMENT. SCINTEIA PROVIDED NO ADDITIONAL SPECIFICS.

3. COMMENT. THE CEAUSESCU STATE VISIT IN CHINA REPRESENTS THE CULMINATION OF A LONG AND INTENSIVE PERIOD OF VISITS AND TALKS BY OFFICIALS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF THE ROMANIAN DELEGATION, WHICH INCLUDED MRS. UNCLASSIFIED

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CEAUSESCU, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE BURTICA, FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI, CHIEF PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR PUNGAN, AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY MUSAT, IS INDICATIVE OF ROMANIA'S KEEN INTEREST IN THE MAINTENANCE AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THE PCR. THE ECONOMIC EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES HAS ACCELERATED IN RECENT YEARS, AND ROMANIA IS BY FAR THE LARGEST OF CHINA'S TRADING PARTNERS IN EASTERN EUROPE. THE ROMANIANS APPARENTLY SEE IN THE CHANGED ATMOSPHERE AND SITUATION IN CHINA AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EVEN GREATER ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION. AGGREY

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